GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PROPOSAL FOR CENTRALLY PROTECTED MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several States have represented to the Union Government to declare some monuments as centrally protected monuments;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Kerala;

(c) the details of criteria adopted for declaration of monuments as national monuments;

(d) the details of monuments declared as centrally protected monuments during the last three years, State-wise including Kerala; and

(e) the funds allocated for preservation of these monuments during the last three years and the current year, monuments-wise, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a)&(b) Yes,Sir.Proposals have been received from various agencies and individuals of different States for declaring 31 monuments as of national importance of which 25 have been found suitable for protection by the Central Government including two from Kerala. A list of all such monuments is at Annexure-I.

(c) Under Section 4 read together with Section 2(a) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, monuments which are of historical, archaeological or artistic interest and which have been in existence for not less than 100 years may be declared as monuments of national importance.

(d)&(e) A State-wise list of monuments declared as of national importance during the last three years and the expenditure incurred for their conservation and preservation is given at Annexure-II.